

Wheelbarrow Licence

This test is designed to teach safe use of wheelbarrows in an entertaining way that the children will remember.

Equipment:

- Wheelbarrows
- Traffic signs, buckets or traffic cones
- Spade
- Soil
- Garden forks
- Tarpaulin
- Camera (optional)

What to do:

1. To begin, show students the wheelbarrow's design, the advantages of a single wheel (mobility) but also the disadvantages (instability).
2. You could get hold of some old traffic signs to set the scene, and use buckets as witches hats for a slalom run.
3. Start with a demonstration 'lap' of the licence course that includes: walking the barrow backwards, taking it through a slalom course, using a spade to shovel two spadefuls of soil into the barrow, unloading the soil onto a specific target (like a tarp).
4. The students then undertake the course one after another, with the other students encouraging them along the way. Take down their details using the table on the next page.
5. Run the 'garden fork walk' test at the same time to keep the waiting students amused. This basically involves the kids safely carrying a garden fork down a length of the yard while keeping the prongs facing downwards and not touching the ground.
6. Once a child completes both tasks take a digital photo to use on the 'licence'.
7. Use the licence template provided, or create your own. Add school details and a photo.
8. A few weeks later the children can be presented with their licences and told they are able to use the wheelbarrows within the garden.

